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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Sam Johnson, et al.

Application No: 09/372,898

Filed: August 12, 1999

**For: A SYSTEM FOR AND A METHOD
OF IMPLEMENTING A CLOSED
LOOP RESPONSE ARCHITECTURE
FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE**

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**Group Art Unit: 2157**

**Examiner: Gregory G. Todd**

Our File No.: 09001.1000

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION UNDER REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**To the Office:**

This paper is in response to the Official Communication mailed by the United States Patent Office on December 8, 2003. This response includes a request to change the docketing number associated with this file and a request for a 1 month extension of time.

As it presently stands, claims 1-15 and 33-64 and 93 are pending in this application with claims 2-32 and 65-92 having been canceled. The applicant submits that this preliminary amendment addresses each and every issue raised in any Official Communication pertaining to this case and that the claims, as submitted herein are in condition for allowance. The applicant greatly appreciates the Office's consideration of this submission.

Serial No. 09/372,898

**Change of Attorney Docket Number**

The applicant requests the Office change the attorney docket number to the following:

**09001.1000**

**Serial No. 09/372,898**

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**Request for Extension of Time**

The Applicant requests a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 to extend the time for response to April 8, 2004. The applicant encloses PTO form 2038 for authorization to charge the \$55 fee to a credit card account and two copies of the request form.

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